

17. (Added) The antifouling coating according to Claim 2 wherein the monobasic acid has a diterpenoid hydrocarbon skeleton or a salt thereof.

18. (Added) The antifouling coating according to Claim 3 wherein the monobasic acid has a diterpenoid hydrocarbon skeleton or a salt thereof.

19. (Added) The antifouling coating according to Claim 4 wherein the monobasic acid has a diterpenoid hydrocarbon skeleton or a salt thereof.

20. (Added) The antifouling coating according to Claim 5 wherein the monobasic acid has a diterpenoid hydrocarbon skeleton or a salt thereof.

21. (Added) The antifouling coating according to Claim 6 wherein the monobasic acid has a diterpenoid hydrocarbon skeleton or a salt thereof.

REMARKS

The claims have been amended to eliminate multiple dependency and to improve their format. None of these amendments is believed to involve any new matter.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the foregoing amendments be entered, that the application as so amended receive an examination on the merits, and that the claims as now presented receive an early allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX

MARKED-UP CLAIMS

3. (Amended) The antifouling coating according to Claim 1 or 2] wherein the acrylic resin constituting said metal-containing acrylic resin has an acid value of 80 to 300 mg KOH/g and a glass transition temperature of not higher than 5 °C.

4. (Amended) The antifouling coating according to Claim 1] or 2 or 3], wherein the monobasic acid has an acid value of less than 200 mg KOH/g.

7. (Amended) The antifouling coating according to Claim 1] , 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6], wherein the monobasic acid has a diterpenoid hydrocarbon skeleton or a salt thereof.

8. (Amended) The antifouling coating according to Claim 1], 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 or 7], wherein the monobasic acid is selected from the group consisting of abietic acid, hydrogenated abietic acid and their salts.

9. (Amended) The antifouling coating according to Claim 1] , 2, 3, 4, 5, or 6], wherein the monobasic acid is selected from the group consisting of rosins, hydrogenated rosins and disproportionated rosins.

10. (Amended) The antifouling coating according to Claim 1] , 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 or 8], wherein the metal M is copper or zinc.

11. (Amended) The antifouling coating according to Claim 1] , 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 or 10], wherein the ratio of the monobasic acid to the acrylic resin constituting the metal-containing acrylic resin is 0.9/1.1 to 1.2/0.8 by weight on a nonvolatile matter basis.